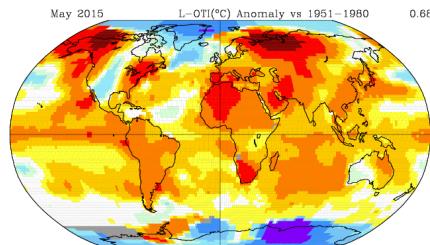


NEWSLETTER

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 Tom

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



If you want to find out more about Green Christian and the Joy in Enough campaign go to:

www.joyinenough.org