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When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the stranger. I am the Lord your God. *Leviticus 19:9*

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This edition contains the words for the **Benefice Service at St Mary's Hall on 30th July. The order of service and words of songs etc are in boxes edged in the colour of ripened grain (well, it's orange!) so that you can follow them clearly, either in the service or at home.**

Words in the purple boxes come from the Archdeacons and were used or referred to by the Archdeacon of Exeter at the annual Visitation Service at the beginning of July.

Items in the blue boxes are of particular relevance to the theme of the service

Items in the yellow boxes are from a Tear Fund mailing about "Plastic Free July"

We gather in the name of the Triune God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of the Earth and its creatures! Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.

(Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century)

We gather in the image of the Creator

Who is a community of love.

We gather in the name of the Redeemer

Who reconciles all of creation.

We gather in the presence of the life Giver

Who inspires new life and renews it.

Redeeming Food

Wouldn't it be truly satisfying to know, when we sit down to a meal, that what we are eating and the way it was produced is not jeopardising the survival of future generations by contributing to climate change, habitat and soil loss, and that it is allowing other humans to eat enough, is helping to restore species and is healthier for our own bodies? Surely that's how God meant food to be. Let's work with him to redeem it. "Redeeming Food", *Root and Branch* p7, *A Rocha, Summer 23.*

A Service for Lammas

The Lord be with you
And also with you



Hymn—Joyful, Joyful

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Lammas

Psalm 104, verses from

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great; You are clothed with splendour and majesty.

You make the springs gush forth in the valleys;
They flow between the hills,

**Giving drink to every wild animal;
The wild asses quench their thirst.**

By the streams the birds of the air
have their habitation;
They sing among the branches.

**From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
And plants for people to use,
To bring forth food from the earth;
And wine to gladden the human heart,
Oil to make the face shine,
And bread to strengthen the human heart.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
The earth is full of your creatures.
**They all look to you
to give them their food in due season.**
When you give it to them, they gather it up;
**When you open your hand,
they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
**When you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.**
When you send forth your spirit,
They are created;
And you renew the face of the earth.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and
shall be for ever. Amen.**

Song—Ploughman, Ploughman

Reading—Ruth chapter 2



The Lammas Loaf

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the people of God in ancient times presented to the Lord an offering of first fruits as a sign of their dependence upon God for their daily bread. At this Lammastide, we bring a newly baked loaf as our offering in thanksgiving

to God for his faithfulness.

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life; those who come to me shall never be hungry and those who believe in me shall never thirst” *John 6.35*

The Lammas Loaf is brought forward as these words are said. (at the same time, gifts of grain etc)

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
You bring forth bread from the fields and give us the fruits of the earth in their season.
Accept this loaf, (and these gifts) which we bring before you, Made from the harvest of your goodness. Let it be for us a sign of your fatherly care.
Blessed are you, Lord our God, Worthy of our thanksgiving and praise **Blessed be God for ever.**

Hymn—For the fruits of His Creation (153)

Reading: Luke 12:13-21

Hymn - God of all ages (190)

Reflection

Let us each think about a special memory of when Earth as a planet, or something in creation stirred your spirit or sense of wonder.

We remember planet earth with wonder
We remember our excitement when we first saw the orb of Earth,
The mystery of a living green blue planet,
a fragile speck of stardust made into a magnificent home.

We remember and rejoice

Thank you, God, for the privilege of seeing Earth as a gift from you.

We remember and confess that we have become alienated from Earth and treated this planet as disposable, a source of endless resources, a mere stopping place en route to heaven

The Diocese of Exeter’s Climate Emergency Declaration

Approved by Diocesan Synod, March 2021

As Christians, we believe that God calls us to safeguard the integrity of creation and to renew the life of the Earth and its peoples. The Diocese of Exeter recognises that the global climate emergency is not only a crisis for God’s creation but is causing fundamental injustices across the globe. With the national Church of England, we commit ourselves to work with all available resources towards Net Zero Carbon by 2030. To this end, we will draft up

and implement a feasible programme of action with a clear time frame, based on the Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030.

We will review our action plan regularly and report publicly on progress.

As well as millions of individuals, we need governments and businesses to take action to tackle plastic pollution. The plastics treaty that is currently being negotiated could hold them to account. Pray that leaders and decision-makers will be influenced by a vast movement of Christians across the world calling for action on plastic for our global neighbours and for God’s creation. Visit tearfund.org/rubbish to sign the petition.

Breaking 1.5 degrees: responding faithfully to bad news

Andy Atkins, A Rocha, 30th June 2023

The most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report dropped the news that global average temperature rise is now almost certain to exceed 1.5 degrees, with profound consequences for wildlife and people.

The IPCC has been carrying out a comprehensive five-year assessment on the subject. In March, they released their last report of the assessment, a 32-page summary of which can be read [here](#). The finding that grabbed the headlines was this: 'Global warming of 1.5°C and 2°C will be exceeded during the 21st century unless deep reductions in CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions occur in the coming decades'. The smallprint says we'll probably bust through 1.5°C before the end of this decade. We are failing to 'keep 1.5 alive', which was the chief aim of the UN climate negotiations in Glasgow in 2021.

There is no disguising the utterly devastating blow this will be to nature and people, in terms of everything from habitat loss, flooding, droughts, extreme weather events, disrupted food supplies and sea level rise, forcing the abandonment of many coastal areas and low-lying islands.

Many of us will have noted the impact of last summer's unprecedented heatwave in our own gardens and local parks, including tree deaths from extreme heat. And that was at 'just' 1.1-2 degrees above the global average. *'Hundreds of local losses of species have been driven by increases in the magnitude of heat extremes'. And 'Impacts [of temperature rise] on some ecosystems are approaching irreversibility...'. (IPCC report)*

So, what should we do? The first thing is to shout from the rooftops that every fraction of a degree counts. 1.5 degrees may now be beyond us, but stopping at 1.55 or 1.6 would avoid many more extinctions and human deaths than stopping at 1.7 degrees, never mind the cataclysmic 2.4+ which the world is currently on track for. The 2015 Paris Agreement was to keep temperature rise 'below 2 degrees and as close to 1.5 as possible'.

Secondly, we must be crystal clear about the causes of human-induced climate change and redouble efforts to halt them. The report states that *'In 2019, approximately 79% of global greenhouse gas emissions came from the sectors of energy, industry, transport and buildings together and 22% from agriculture, forestry and other land use'*. Burning fossil

fuels remains the single biggest source of emissions. Getting our economies off fossil fuels, therefore, is the overriding priority. We must also preserve our natural carbon sinks, from the Amazon rainforest to our remaining UK woodlands, grasslands and wetlands, establish new ones, switch to climate-and-biodiversity-friendly farming, plant trees and open new greenspaces in our towns and cities.

Finally, as Christians, we should use every tool God gives us to accelerate the right action for His creation – nature and people. Pray for change, for our faith to sustain us in concerning times. Use our power as consumers, for example, by switching our household electricity to a 100% renewable energy supplier. And critically – and entirely free – use our voice and vote to urge local and national politicians to use their much greater powers – to sign international agreements, pass laws, levy taxes, use the national budget to accelerate the right actions – to 'keep as close as possible to 1.5 degrees'. No responsible person could welcome the news that we're on track to cross a thick red climate line in the next few years. But as Christians, it is a thunderous call for collective witness to our loving creator God, through our prayers, our actions, and our petitions to leaders. Let's get on and witness!

Our world has an urgent rubbish problem, with mountains of plastic pollution dumped or burnt around the world. But Jesus tells us that even the smallest amount of faith can move mountains. So we're praying with faith and joining millions of people to bring an end to this rubbish problem and all the harm it is doing to our global neighbours.

Lord, break our hearts for what breaks yours. Two billion of our neighbours are living with the effects of poor waste management. We cry out with them and with creation to see your restoration and shalom. And we ask you to help us see where we need to be the answer to these prayers too. Amen.

Nearly half of all plastic produced is only used once. Forgive us, Lord, for the way we have accepted this throw-away culture. Pray for all those who are working to challenge this and show that another way is possible.

Gateway Church in Leeds is loving its global neighbours and God's earth by reducing plastic use. The young people there have set up a refill store where the congregation can bring their own containers and buy products like pasta without the plastic packaging. One of the young people says, 'It's quite inspirational really, we are helping the church do our bit.' Pray for the young people leading us.

We are sorry
Lord God, teach us to love Earth as our home
And the planet as a precious sanctuary.

When we are unkind to people
and forget they are God's children
When we are careless with the beasts
and forget they are Gods' creation;
When we ill treat the land
and forget it is the splendour of God

Forgive us, O God of love
and reconcile us to yourself,
To one another and to the Creation.
Teach us, that the earth and all its fullness is yours,
The world and those who dwell in it.
Remind us that your Son too
Enjoyed the fruits of harvest in Galilee,
And joins us now as we celebrate your good gifts
together.
Call us yet again to safeguard the gift of life. Now
and forever. Amen

Hymn—Beauty for Brokenness (806)

Sermon, Talk or Reflection

What can I do?

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God creates, redeems and sustains.
We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
A sacred planet filled with God's presence,
A home for us to share with our kin.
We believe that God became flesh and blood,

From the Archdeacon of Exeter.

We are encouraging all Churches to do these three actions: register for a subsidised energy audit, progress in the "Arocha Eco Church" award scheme and complete the Energy Footprint Toolkit. These three activities will help us all to work towards Net Zero, which reduces the causes of climate change, which is a deep injustice. The fifth mark of Anglican Mission is to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and that integrity is undermined by the causes and impacts of climate change. We hope your church leadership teams will explore together over the coming year what creation care means for your community and what positive, practical action you can take. Caring for creation is vital for the flourishing of life, and an incredible missional tool to reach those on the fringes of the church, children and young people, and local communities.

Became a piece of Earth,
A human being called Jesus Christ,
Who lived and breathed
and spoke among us,
Suffered and died on a cross
For all human beings and for all creation.

We believe that the risen Jesus
Is the Christ at the core of creation
Reconciling all things to God,
Renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.
We believe the Spirit renews life in creation
Groans in empathy with a suffering creation,
And waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

We believe that with Christ we will rise
And with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.
Amen

Intercessions, Lord's Prayer,

Notices

May we always walk gently on the earth in right relationship

- **Nurtured by your Love**
- Taking only what we need
- **Giving back to the earth in gratitude**
- Sharing what we have
- **Honouring all with reverence**
- Reconciling and healing
- **Mindful of those who will come after**
- Recognising our proper place as part of your creation

Grant us the strength and courage, we pray, for such a radical transformation into your Kingdom. Then we too with the very stones will shout **HOSANNA!**

Hymn—O Worship the King (528)

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, That you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing ...

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
And bring forth the fruits of righteousness

Go in the peace of Christ **Thanks be to God**

The Church of England's General Synod,

meeting in July, has called for renewed action from the Church and Government to tackle the impact and causes of climate change.

Excerpts from a CE press release dated 11th July

A motion brought by the Diocese of Oxford calls on all parts of the Church to review policies and procedures in order to give due priority to creation care, and asks the Government to review planning regulations to aid the installation of renewable technology on church buildings that are listed or in conservation areas, was passed by a substantial majority of Synod members. ...

Synod members also heard from National Advisors on Net Zero and Environmental Affairs who said the recent approval of solar panels on the roof of King's College Cambridge could prompt acceptance of more renewable installations elsewhere.

The Diocese of Oxford has already taken local action to address the climate crisis, including the approval of £10 million expenditure on environmental works to improve the carbon footprint of vicarages in the Thames Valley, synod heard, before voting for an amendment from Jack Shepherd (Liverpool) for all Church institutions to make similar expenditure commitments.

The motion asks for national services such as the Parish Buying scheme to build capacity to put cost-effective utilities and supplies within the reach of all parishes. ... Introducing the motion, the Bishop of Reading, Olivia Graham, said: "We have the rest of this decade to take decisive action. The motion challenges us in all areas of life, from finances to buildings and political advocacy. We must not kick this can down the road for future generations to deal with. "There is no greater issue facing society today than runaway climate change. Our Church, with the level of resources, reach and influence we have, must be on the frontline of the battle to save God's creation."

The full synod motion, with amendments:

That this Synod, affirming the fifth mark of mission, concerned by the scientific evidence that climate change is proceeding at a rapid rate and by the impact of climate events, and seeking to build on the decisions taken with respect to GS 2159:

a) commend the recent disinvestment announcements by the Church Commissioners for England and Church of England Pensions Board, and urge each of the National Investing Bodies of the Church of England to prioritise and scale up investment in renewable energy and other climate solutions, in line with their fiduciary duties, and ask each to report back on progress to General Synod each quinquennium;

b) urge all parts of the Church of England to review their relevant policies and procedures, in order to en-

sure that they are up to date and give due priority in creation care;

c) urge the Church of England to further develop pre- and post-ordination and lay training to deepen understanding in how care for the earth is part of our Christian faith and a missional imperative;

d) urge all parts of the Church of England to seek to support, through prayer, advocacy and practical action, the poorest in the world who are suffering the most from the impacts of climate change, in the awareness that our nation has been among those who have benefited most from the emissions that have caused the crisis;

e) commit earnestly and regularly to pray - and to promote prayer - about the climate and wider environmental crisis.

f) call upon all institutions of the Church of England to make urgent practical preparations for the delivery of substantial reduction of the Church's carbon footprint, including, but not restricted to, the following immediate actions in respect of Church buildings:

(i) ensuring that the NCIs (National Church Institutions) are adequately resourced to provide DACs, Buildings Departments, Education Departments and others with authoritative national guidance notes, advice and training on key technical and procedural questions relating to adaptation of buildings for the net zero target; and

(ii) ensuring that Parish Buying and other national-level entities have the capacity to engage with manufacturers and suppliers of products and processes recommended for making our buildings more efficient, with a view to using the scale of the national net zero project to achieve both sympathetic design and economies of scale on cost.

(iii) commit expenditure, reflective of the £10 million committed by Oxford Diocese, on environmental works to improve the carbon footprint of vicarages.

g) request Bishops and the Liturgical Commission to encourage confirmation services to include an additional question: 'Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth?'

h) ask that HM Government reviews the weight given to the environmental public benefit in planning regulations to facilitate the installation of renewable technologies, including for buildings that are listed or in conservation areas.'

The motion was passed as follows: For: 256, Against: 36, Abstained: 16

Jesus said that the greatest commandments are to love God and love your neighbour (Matthew 22:37-40). Pray for the response from Coqueiral Baptist Church in north-east Brazil who are loving their neighbours affected by a lack of waste management. They are responding to flooding caused in part by plastic blocking the river by rescuing stranded people and supplying relief items such as food, clothing and shelter.

Eco Tip from Marjorie. Rubber gloves that have sprung a leak and are no longer any good for wet jobs can be cut into different sizes of colourful rubber bands!!

Ploughman, ploughman plough me a field ,
turn me an acre of land.
Ploughman, ploughman harrow the ground,
drill in the seed and roll it down
For the year will turn and the spring come round
and the seed will grow.

*Shine the sun and rain the rain,
fall the shivery snow,
Frost and hail and wind again as the year will go.*

Farmer, farmer the field is ripe,
tall and straight they stand.
Farmer, farmer it's time to reap,
time to combine the corn to keep
The straw will blow and the chaff will leap
and the grain will flow.

Miller, miller take up grain,
pour it out like sand.
Miller, miller open the rill,
to turn the wheel and work the mill
To grind the grain to flour
and fill the sacks below.

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Baker, baker the flour is here,
soft and fine and bland.
Baker, baker get out of bed,
put that silly old hat on your head
Bake me a loaf of golden bread
and then I'll go.

Creation sings the Father's song;
He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day
'till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,
His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight;
commands the newborn baby's cry.

*Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation's King.*

Creation gazed upon His face;
the ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan
of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth,
whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free
to live with Him eternally.

Creation longs for His return,
when Christ shall reign upon the
earth;
The bitter wars that rage are
birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky,
all heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme:
the glory of our God and King!

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Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of Glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness!
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Centre of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest.
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let your light upon us shinel
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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