



Listen to the Voice of creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The burning bush is the symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses did not consume or destroy the bush. God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised us deliverance from injustice. God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation. Pope Francis, in his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2022, has this to say:

DELAY ON THE PART OF OTHERS CAN NEVER JUSTIFY OUR OWN FAILURE TO ACT. It is necessary for all of us to act decisively. For we are reaching "a breaking point" (cf. Laudato Si', 61).

The **SEASON of CREATION** begins on the **1st September until the 4th October**. **The Masses on the weekend of the 3rd/4th September will celebrate our wonderful creation.** During these days we are called to listen to the voice of creation, to pray and act as good stewards of this wonderful gift. ***We can all pray and we can all do some small thing to care for our earth.***

For more information/ideas –
<https://seasonofcreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SOC-2022-Celebration-Guide-Final-English.pdf>

PICNIC in the PARK

On **Sunday, 25th September** we are holding a picnic in St Philip Neri with St. Bede Voluntary Academy school field

- You are invited to come along with your picnic – and bring with you a

little something that you might share with someone else. There will be a short prayer service and we will create a burning bush.

- We encourage you to walk to the venue OR share your car and bring someone else with you...



LIVE SIMPLY CAFOD AWARD is given to Catholic parishes, schools and communities that have taken significant steps to respond to the Church's call to live simply so that others may simply live. It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation.

We are aware that a great deal is already being done but we want to develop this. We need YOUR help. We need to know what YOU are doing to live simply, in solidarity with people in poverty and sustainably with creation.

Can you take a photo and write on the back your parish community and what the photo shows....such as

Composting; using FAIR TRADE TEA and COFFEE etc in our church halls; recycling; collecting for the Food bank; walking; suggestions of what we can do in our newsletters; not buying vegetables and fruit in plastic; Growing vegetables; taking empty bottles to a re-fil shop; email your MP about human rights issues; support migrants; PRAY together and alone; have a meat free day; growing bee friendly flowers and.....

Send the labelled photo to

Ann Neale – ann@perkeo.co.uk

MEAT FREE DAY – we are inviting EVERYONE in our Pastoral Area to have a MEAT FREE day – on **MONDAYS** – **if you are up for this challenge – please tell us so that we know how many in our communities are doing this.**

During this (harvest) Season – you are invited to place items for the **FOODBANK** at the foot of the Altar and they will be blessed before being delivered.

We are setting up a **Laudato Si** Group – if you would like to be part of this group along with Ann Neale and Katie Wynn-Higgins please contact them.

CONTACT DETAILS for INFORMATION, TELL US WHAT YOU ARE DOING and PHOTOS etc

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Bees in the cemetery at St. Joseph's



PRAYER for the SEASON of CREATION

Creator of All, from your communion of love your Word went forth to create a symphony of life that sings your praise. By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of creatures who praise you in their being. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationships with each creature so that we could listen to their voices, and learn how to safeguard the conditions for life. But we turn in on ourselves and away from our co-creatures.

We close our ears to the counsel of our fellow creatures. We fail to listen to the cries of the poor and the needs of the most vulnerable. We silence the voices of those who hold the traditions that teach us to care for the Earth. We close our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the Scriptures. We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats that will never speak again. We grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished. Creation cries out as forests crackle, and animals alike flee the fires of injustice that we have lit by our unwillingness to listen.

In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us, as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit. Breathe upon us. Open our ears and move our hearts. Turn us from our inward gaze. Teach us to contemplate your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory. For "faith comes from hearing."

Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the face of the Earth. Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.