



Monthly Newsletter

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June 2023

Monday 5th June 2023. Does this date ring any bells? Possibly not. However, it is in fact World Environment Day. You can of course pick any given date in any given year and likely find multiple national/international days (June 5th also happens to be National Gingerbread day and Hot Air Balloon Day...!!). June is actually the month with the most national/international days that are focused on raising environmental awareness, with a number of different opportunities to engage in caring for the environment.

Caring for creation is something I have become increasingly aware of and passionate about over the past five years. I don't know about you, but I was brought up in a Christian culture that didn't particularly emphasise the connection between faith and caring for our Earth. However, over time I've come to learn that through the Bible, creation care is an essential element of our Christian faith and discipleship journeys. I don't have the space to begin to unpack all of this here (poor Tracy would be exhausted by all the printing!). Instead, we will continue our reflections through the medium of Sunday teaching & worship, 'pop-up' life groups, prayer and more.

In the meantime, a short reflection! As Christians, we believe that God is our creator. He not only created the world that we might live in it, but God also gave us stewardship of it:

²⁶⁻²⁸ God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature

So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,
the birds in the air, the cattle,
And, yes, Earth itself,
and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

God created human beings;
he created them godlike,
Reflecting God's nature.

He created them male and female.

God blessed them:

"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!

Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,

for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth." (Genesis 1:26-28 The Message)

God calls for us to be responsible for helping take care of His creation. Wow, what a responsibility! A question for us in this month, is how are we responding to this call from God? In what ways can I better care for this beautiful planet? How can I help practically? How can my prayer be directed towards protecting our amazing but fragile world? What one thing might I be able to do this month to make a difference in my small part of God's creation (i.e. stock up your soft plastics to take to a recycling bin, or, leave it longer to mow your grass to give a chance for wildlife to enjoy it!)?

June of course has the longest days of the year, so let's embrace the weather, the warmth, the light, and immerse ourselves in God's stunning creation this month, whilst considering our actions and prayers around this important theme.

Grace and Peace,

Nick Drury

Minister MBC

What's On—June 2023

Friday 2nd

10-12pm MBC Café
All welcome—young & old

Saturday 3rd

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting
Ask for login details

Saturday 3rd

10am—2pm Jumble Trail
Further info from Claire Adejumo

Sunday 4th

10.30am
Communion Service
With Mary Moody

Friday 9th

10-11.30am Jack & Jill's
Baby & toddler group
Further info from Ruth Kieran

Saturday 13th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting
Ask for login details

Sunday 11th

10.30am Morning Service
With Nick Drury

Friday 16th

10-12pm MBC Café
All welcome.—young & old

Saturday 17th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting
Ask for login details

Sunday 18th

10.30am Morning Service
With Richard Palmer

Friday 23rd

10-11.30am Jack & Jills
Baby & toddler group
Further info from Ruth Kieran

Saturday 27th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting
Ask for login details

Sunday 25th

10.30am All age Service
with Nick Drury

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Growing Together by loving God loving others & serving our community