

# St. Hilda's Church Warley Woods



## Family Service

**Sunday 8th September 2019**  
**The Second Sunday of Creationtide**

### **‘What have we done?’**

Genesis 2:15 New International Version (NIV)

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

## **Introduction to today's service**

When we hear about climate change and what is happening to our planet it can sometimes feel overwhelming. We may ask ourselves 'What can I do that will change anything?' Well from small beginnings, great things can be achieved and today we are reminded that 'God took man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.' It is the small individual things we can think about and act upon which will have an impact on the lives of future generations.

It is our responsibility to act NOW as we can't afford to wait or leave it to others to ensure this planet and the people survive.

## **Sustainability – definition by the Brundtland Report 1987**

Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

## **Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury**

'Reducing the causes of climate change is essential to the life of faith. It is a way to love our neighbour and to steward the gift of creation.'

*Elaine Carrington*

# The Gathering

*Please stand*

## Call to Worship

### Genesis 1:26-31

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.”**

<sup>29-30</sup> Then God said, “I’ve given you

every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth

And every kind of fruit-bearing tree,

given them to you for food.

To all animals and all birds,

everything that moves and breathes,

I give whatever grows out of the ground for food.”

And there it was.

<sup>31</sup> **God looked over everything he had made;**

**it was so good, so very good!**

**It was evening, it was morning—**

**Day Six.**

## **Hymn** – All creatures of our God and King – CP 250

*OMIT VERSES 5 AND 6*

*Please sit*

### **Saying Sorry**

*A period of silence as we come before God to say sorry and ask for his forgiveness.*

God our Father,  
As we celebrate the beauty and diversity of your creation,  
we are truly sorry for our consumerism and wastefulness.  
Have mercy on us for contaminating the Earth with billions of tons  
of plastic waste.  
Please give each one of us the desire and the means to put things  
right;  
no longer trusting in ourselves but in your grace and wisdom alone.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour,  
Amen

### **Words of Forgiveness**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon  
us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us  
in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen**

## Reading – Job: 38-39 (excerpts), the Jerusalem Bible.

Then from the heart of the tempest God gave Job his answer.  
He said:

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations? Tell me, since you are so well-informed. Who decided the dimensions of it, do you know?

Or who stretched the measuring line across it? What supports its pillars at their bases? Who laid its cornerstone? Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted door? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

Can you fasten the harness of the Pleiades, or untie Orion's bands? Can you guide the morning star season by season and show the Bear and its cubs which way to go? Have you grasped the celestial laws? Can you make your voice carry as far as the clouds and make the pent up waters do your bidding? Will lightning flashes come at your command and answer '*Here we are*'? Whose skill details every cloud and tilts the flasks of heaven until the soil cakes into a solid mass and clods of earth cohere together?

Do you find a prey for the lioness and satisfy the hunger of her whelps when they crouch in their dens and lurk in their lairs? Who makes provisions for the raven when his squabs cry out to God and crane their necks in hunger?

Who gave the wild donkey his freedom, and untied the rope from his proud neck? I have given him the desert as a home, and the salt plains as his own habitat. He scorns the turmoil of the town: there are no shouts from a driver for him to listen for. The mountains are the pastures that he ranges in quest of any type of green blade or leaf.

Does the hawk take flight on your advice when he spreads his wings to travel south? Does the eagle soar at your command to make her eyrie in the heights?

**Talk** – ‘What have we done’?

*Please stand*

**Hymn** – I the Lord of Sea and Sky – CP 470

*During this song everyone is invited to give towards the work of St. Hilda’s. The giving of time and money enables us to serve one another. Thank you for all you do and give.*

**Prayers**

*Please sit or kneel. The response after each prayer is:*

Lord hear us

**O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation**

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**A Prayer for St. Hilda’s Interregnum**

*We pray together ...*

**Heavenly Father,  
Thank you that we are held together as a community in your love.  
Let us be ready to share the good news of Jesus with those around  
us.**

**Strengthen us as we patiently wait as a church,  
remembering that your Son is the Good Shepherd  
who will guide us along our future path.  
May we gently encourage one another,  
be quick to listen  
and humbly reach out to support those in need.  
With everlasting hope,  
we trust in you alone to provide in this new season.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*And as our Saviour taught us, so we pray in our own mother tongue ...*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily  
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver from evil. For the Kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

## **Notices**

### **A message of thanksgiving from Stella**

*Please stand*

#### **Hymn** – Think of a World without any flowers

Think of a world without any flowers,  
Think of a world without any trees,  
Think of a sky without any sunshine,  
Think of the air without any breeze.  
We thank You, Lord,  
for flowers and trees and sunshine,  
We thank You, Lord,  
and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any animals,  
Think of a field without any herd,  
Think of a stream without any fishes,  
Think of a dawn without any bird.  
We thank You, Lord,  
for all Your living creatures,  
We thank You, Lord  
and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any people,  
Think of a street with no-one living there,  
Think of a town without any houses,  
No-one to love and nobody to care.  
We thank You, Lord  
for families and friendships,  
We thank You, Lord,  
and praise Your holy name.

## **Blessing**

Let us go out giving thanks for the good earth

**Blessed be God forever**

Let us go out in unity with all who seek to preserve the earth

**Blessed be God forever**

Let us go out in the conviction that change is possible and climate  
disaster is not inevitable

**Blessed be God forever**

And the blessing of God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer and the  
Spirit, the Sustainer of all life be with us, and with all the peoples on  
earth, now and always. **Amen**

*Thank you for joining us, please stay and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Our next family service is our Harvest Festival on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019.*

Traidcraft goods are available in the outer porch.

## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

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The Sanctuary flowers are the gift from Guides

## **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

## **NOTICES**

### **Key events this coming week:**

Monday	10.45am	CAMEO
	1.30pm	Beechcroft Home Service
	7.30pm	Office Hour
Tuesday	7.00pm	Praying Together
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion
Saturday	<b>9.00am-1.00pm</b>	<b>Vision Day</b>
	10.30am	Table Tennis Club
Sunday	<b>CREATIONTIDE 3</b>	
	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer

### **SERVICE AT BEEHCROFT RESIDENTIAL HOME**

Dear all, our monthly service at Beechcroft Residential Home is on Monday 9th September at 1:30pm. The residents and staff of Beechcroft are always very grateful of our time with them and enjoy the singing of hymns, prayers and the reading from the Bible, plus our time of fellowship and conversation. If you would like to come, we leave from church at approx. 1:20pm. If you would like any more details please see me. *Richard Haynes*

### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Next meeting of the Friendship Club will be on Tuesday September 10th from 4pm - 5.30pm. Please note change of finishing time and day and venue. *Pamela Whyman-07947022284*

### **CREATIONTIDE**

Once again we will be observing 'Creationtide' during September and the Ministry Team felt that it would be good to have home-baked bread for Holy Communion on the five Sundays during the month. If you would like to be one of the bakers, please sign the list in the outer porch. *Barbara Fletcher*

### **MALAWI DONATIONS**

Dear everyone, I thought you would like to know that the container lorry has just arrived in Blantyre for unloading there. The journey has taken a little longer than sometimes but all is well! In the next day or two, our consignee in Malawi will notify all recipients in Southern Malawi that they need to unload their boxes - the times and location of doing this. From Blantyre the lorry will journey to Lilongwe for unloading there. I am guessing that will happen early next week. Thank you for your support for the people of Malawi! And let's thank God for his goodness in allowing the lorry safely to reach its destination! *Denese*

### **LIGHTWOODS HEALTH WALKS- CHANGE OF START TIME:-**

The Lightwoods House health walks continue on the first and third Monday's of each month starting at 1.30pm. (Half an hour later than last year) . Meet at the bandstand, for a gentle walk at your own pace. The chatter seems to reduce the length! There are often two or three members of St Hilda's there. See Ann Millross for further details.

### **CAR BOOT SALE-THANKS**

The Car Boot Sale held on Saturday August 24th raised £720.20 in total for Up and Downs. Thanks to all of you that helped out or participated in the day. *David*

### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

If you would like to have the name(s) of any relatives added to the book, please request a form from those on duty in church on Sundays or Wednesdays. If you would like to look in the Book of Remembrance, please ask the Church Wardens so that the book is handled appropriately. **The Commemoration Service this year will be on Sunday 27th October, if you would like the name of a loved one entered into the book, can I please have the blue form no later than Sunday 30th September, thanks. *Rob.***

### **EARLY NOTICES-ADMINISTRATOR**

I will be going on holiday from Sunday 15th-Saturday 21st September. If you have any notices you would like to be included in the pew sheet during that week, could I have them in the week before to ensure they will be included. Thanks, *Rob.*

### **TRUTH AND TRUST: WHERE DO WE GO NOW?**

Political Night Prayer-Bringing together our concerns about the brokenness of our world and our hope in God. It will take place on: Sunday 29th September, 7.30-9pm at Cotteridge Church, Pershore Road South, Birmingham, B30 3EJ. John and Renate Wilkinson can take two passengers. *John Wilkinson- 0121 434 3526*

### **IMPACT OF A SHOEBOX EVENT- OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

We would love to invite you, your family, friends and your church to our 'Impact of a Shoebox event'. This lovely event for all ages will share about the amazing ministry of Operation Christmas Child around the world! – with children's activities, music, guest speakers, cake and refreshments and more!

It will be from 2-4pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Christian Life Church, 900 Bristol Road South, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6HW. For more information about this event please contact: Susan Parker, OCC Church Relations Coordinator. 07484 781229

### **THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH, SO THEY SAY....**

Well this could be **your** opportunity to get one. The **Harvest Supper and Skittles** evening this year is on **12<sup>th</sup> October** and I am looking for a couple of volunteers to man (or woman!!!) the 2 alleys during the evening. Your reward? You get fish & chips and a few games of skittles **FOR FREE!!** If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible. For those of you who are looking forward to one the best evenings of the year at St. Hilda's, a list will be on the notice board in the porch in early September for you to book your meal/entry. Thanks, *Jon Goodwin- 07989697262*

### **TRANSFORMING UNJUST STRUCTURES OF AUSTERITY**

Church Action on Poverty's partners in the 'Life on the Breadline' project warmly invite you to a participatory workshop on 13 September 2019. Join in small group discussion of these questions, reflecting on transforming unjust structures.

The workshop will take place at Elm Bank, Coventry University, Coventry CV1 2LQ. Elm Bank is a short walk from Coventry train station and nearby bus stops. There is no public car parking at the venue, but on-street parking is possible a 10-minute walk away. Tea and coffee will be available from 9:30am, and the workshop will start at 10:00am and finish at 3:30pm. The workshop is free to attend but places are limited to attend please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-transforming-injustice-in-uk-austerity-and-poverty-tickets-64222847265>

## **AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE- 14 SEPTEMBER 2019, 9.45 AM-1PM**

The members of the PCC and the Ministry Team are beginning to think about what we would all like to see in the document known as the Parish Profile which goes to all those who are exploring the possibility of becoming our next incumbent. This has to include a section about key events in our recent past, what our ideas are for future mission and ministry, what qualities we would like to see in our new priest and what we will be able to offer in return.

The Ministry Team would like to give all members of the church the opportunity to put forward ideas on these issues as part of a sharing of thoughts which the PCC will consider when writing the Parish Profile.

We would like this time to be used by an honest, diverse, loving and faithful community (US!) looking to the future with optimism and joyful expectation of God's work continuing with us, in us and around us.

We would like us all to have the opportunity to contribute to the production of a profile which will inspire optimism, joy and enthusiasm in a prospective incumbent.

Would you like to be part of this process of offering ideas? If so, please come to the session in the Church on 14 September, prepared to share and listen prayerfully and lovingly. Refreshments will be available from 9.45am, ready for a prompt start at 10 am. We will finish by 1pm. Please sign the notice in the porch if you are intending to come. *Rose Akeroyd (On behalf of the Ministry Team)*

## **COMMISSIONING OF THE REVD GUY DONEGAN-CROSS AND REVD PAUL HINTON**

A service of Cathedral Evening Prayer with Commissioning will take place on Saturday 14th September at 3.30-4.30pm. There will be refreshments available after the service. All are welcome, please sign up on the sheet in the porch so that there will be enough cake!

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER**

Dear all, the next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday 21st September. Food will be served at around 9am in the church hall. A cooked breakfast or cereal will be available. There are no charges but donations if you wish. It would be good to see you there and share food, fellowship and faith. *Richard Haynes*

### **SOCIABLE SOCIAL EVENING**

The Sociable Social Evening will return on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September with a visit to 'Lakeside', the former Brewer's Fayre, now a Cookhouse and Pub, on the Wolverhampton Road in Oldbury. We have been several times before and the food has usually been good. If you would like to join us for some food and conversation, then please sign your name on the list which is on the notice board in the outer porch NO LATER than Sunday morning, 29<sup>th</sup> September. We hope to see you there! Please note that, in order to fit in with their online booking service, the meal will commence at 6.45 p.m. and NOT 7.00 p.m.!! There will NOT be a Sociable Social in October as its place is taken by the Harvest Supper, so the next Social will be the Christmas one, which will be at 'The Fairfield' as usual – watch this space for details. *Julie, Rose and Derek.*

### **THE ARCADIAN'S PRESENT SWEET CHARITY**

The Arcadians are presenting Sweet Charity at The Mac Theatre, Birmingham from Thursday 10th October until Saturday 12th October, 2019. Evening performances at 7.30pm and Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm. Prices £16 each performance with a discounted price of £14 for persons under 16 years of age and over 65 years of age. Tickets available from Peter Hale or direct from the theatre on [www.macbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.macbirmingham.co.uk).

### **KNITTING FOR THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS**

Following our recent Knit and Natter in July we have gathered together all the knitting that has been made since Sea Sunday 2018. Amazingly more items have been knitted this year than in any other

year. We have received 264 hats, 22 balaclavas, 21 pairs of gloves and 4 scarves making a total of 311 items. We began knitting in 2015 and with this year's knitting 1,008 items have been made. That is a wonderful total and I'm sure will have made a difference to the lives of a lot of seafarers. Thank you again to all who have generously given their time and supported Mission to Seafarers both this year and in previous ones. We will be taking them to London in the near future. *Judith Gibbens*

### **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES**

Please can I have your collecting boxes for emptying during August. The boxes can be given to Peter Stokes or myself. Thank you for your continuing support. *Dianne Eades*

### **THE VICARAGE**

The vicarage is in the process of being vacated and emptied in order to allow it to be rented. The ministry, offices and functions that were held in the vicarage will mostly be relocated to the Church Hall. More details will follow.

### **STORAGE OF ITEMS FOR MALAWI**

For the last three years items donated for sending to our "twin" dioceses in Malawi have been stored in the vicarage garage. Now that this is no longer available, does anyone have an empty shed, garage or other storage space where heavier items could be stored? If so please contact John Wilkinson 0121 434 3526. Thank you.

*John Wilkinson*

### **PEW SHEET NOTICES REMINDER**

Please can you ensure that any pew sheet notices for the coming Sunday are with me no later than close of play on the Wednesday. Thank you. *Rob Richards*

## **NOTICES**

During the Interregnum, any notices that anyone would like to give must be in the first instance given to the Churchwardens. Please email them or have your notice written down to give the Churchwardens on the Sunday morning.

## **ORDERS OF SERVICE**

If you would like to receive the Order of Service by email, once it has been produced (normally on the Friday before that Sunday's service) then please contact Rob with your details. He can then add you to the list.

Rob- [administrator@sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk](mailto:administrator@sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk)

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**PLEASE TAKE BOOKLET AWAY WITH YOU**