

# Listen to the Voice of Creation

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many have become familiar with the concept of being muted in conversations. Many voices are muted in public discourse around climate change and the ethics of Earth-keeping. These are voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change. These are voices of people who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of a diminishing diversity of more-than-human species.

*It is the voice of the Earth.*

The 2022 theme raises awareness of our need to listen to the voice of creation.

During the Season of Creation our common prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. In prayer we centre the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

## At Holy Trinity:

- > **Between 25 September and 2 October, the Vestry will become an Interactive Prayer Room open between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm**
- > **Watch the email each week for regular updates on the Season of Creation**

## September Highlights

- 1st Prayer Service at Danes Moss
- 15th "Swap not Shop" Clothes Swap
- 17-18 "Astounding Inventions" Heritage Weekend
- 18th Creation Walk
- 25th "In the Beginning" Reflective Service
- 27th "Fast Fashion" Talk
- PLUS 4 October "St Francis" Celebration Closing Prayer Service

*Scroll down for times and venues, plus the full Calendar of Events and Daily Reflections*

The Psalmist declares,  
*The heaven are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the of the world" (19.1-4)*

**Creation never ceases to proclaim, but do we listen?**

The Season of Creation in Macclesfield is organised by  
St. Alban's Justice and Peace Group

More info here  
<https://stalbanmacc.org.uk/justice-and-peace>



## Season of Creation 2022— Listen to the Voice of Creation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1 September</b> <b>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation—Prayer Service at 7pm</b> to pray for one of the local endangered habitats - Danes Moss. Meet at footpath on Moss Lane SK11 7XE opposite Craig Road -on street parking	<b>2</b> Have a meatless or vegan meal, if possible shared with others. Meat and cheese both have a large carbon footprint. Could you do this more often during the Season of Creation?	<b>3</b> Make time to sit and think about God’s creation for a few moments – what do you do in your life to take care of people and the environment?
<b>4</b> Join the <b>Nature Craft Session</b> to create art for display in St. Alban’s Church at the Heritage Weekend on 17th & 18th September and throughout the Season of Creation. At St. Alban’s Parish Centre, Chester Road SK11 8JD at <b>10.30am</b> (after the 9.30am Mass).	<b>5</b> Collect good quality clothes for the Clothes Swap on 15th or take them to the One Project Stall in the Indoor Market. They also have a Plant Swap. Find our more at: <a href="#">(20+) One Project Macclesfield   Facebook</a> or at the Treacle Market.	<b>6</b> Turn off the television, computer, mobile phone, etc. and spend half an hour going for a walk or other activity in God’s natural world. Invite your family or others to join you. Take photos and drop them off at St. Alban’s Church for display at the Heritage Weekend.	<b>7</b> Remember to say Grace before eating your meal today, and throughout the Season of Creation, thanking God for creating the food and for the people who have helped produce it.	<b>8</b> Remember we are part of God’s creation and to take care of ourselves in the way God intended with compassion and care.	<b>9</b> As energy prices soar consider reducing how much you use by wearing more clothes, washing in cold water, unplugging items not in use or on standby. Consider supporting local charities for those who cannot afford to feed their families.	<b>10</b> Make do and mend rather than buying new. Find something that could be repaired and bring it to the <b>Repair Café</b> at the Senior Citizens Hall, Duke Street SK11 6UR Find out more at: <a href="https://www.scoopandscapes.co.uk/macclesfield-repair-cafe/">https://www.scoopandscapes.co.uk/macclesfield-repair-cafe/</a>
<b>11</b> Join in a <b>Family Cycle Ride</b> along the Middlewood Way. Meet at <b>12.30pm</b> at Tesco Car Park SK10 2AB to cycle approx. 7 miles to Nelson Pit for a picnic. Bring a packed lunch.	<b>12</b> Think about how you travel each day during the Season of Creation. Could any of your journeys be walked, cycled or by bus to reduce the use of our cars? Its good for our health too.	<b>13</b> Reduce food waste by planning your meals and buying just what you need.	<b>14</b> Pray for those who have been affected by natural disasters or the Coronavirus pandemic through illness, injury, death of loved ones, loss of their homes or livelihoods.	<b>15</b> <b>Clothes Swap—“Swap not Shop” at 7.30pm</b> Reduce clothes waste by exchanging up to 5 items of good quality clothes you no longer need for new ones at St. Alban’s Parish Centre, Chester Road SK11 8JD. Drinks and cakes available.	<b>16</b> Take stock of what you’ve done so far in the Season of Creation. How are you getting on with listening to the Voice of Creation? What more could you do to take better care of God’s creation.	<b>17</b> <b>Heritage Weekend “Astounding Inventions” 1.30—4.30pm</b> Come and see the beautiful Grade II listed Pugin church and the art and photography display dedicated to the Season of Creation. St Alban’s Church, Chester Road SK11 8DJ on <b>17th &amp; 18th September</b> .
<b>18</b> Join in the <b>Creation Walk at 2.00pm</b> . An easy 3 mile walk to appreciate God’s creation followed by a picnic of drinks and cakes. Meet at Sutton Reservoir, Leek Old Road SK11 0LD <b>Heritage Weekend “Astounding Inventions” 1.30—4.30pm</b>	<b>19</b> Take a break from consuming and buy nothing today.	<b>20</b> <b>Food; how to eat healthily and reduce your carbon footprint</b> <b>Macctastic meeting</b> at <b>7.30pm</b> at St Michael’s Church, Market Place SK10 1DY <a href="#">Macctastic - Macclesfield, Cheshire (maccinfo.com)</a>	<b>21</b> As we uphold the human right to food, clean drinking water and safe sanitation for all. Pray today for the people in the world who don’t have access to these.	<b>22</b> Review your use of electricity at home. Are all your light bulbs LED or energy saving? Turn off some of your electrical items more often or overnight.	<b>23</b> When doing your shopping select Fairtrade products, those without plastic packaging and locally produced products with low food miles.	<b>24</b> Sign online petitions to lobby the government to stop fossil fuel projects <a href="#">Tell the government: No new coal, oil or gas projects   Friends of the Earth</a> And to deliver climate finance to poorer communities suffering devastating impacts of the climate crisis <a href="#">Time to Deliver Petition - Tearfund</a>
<b>25</b> Join the <b>Family Litter Pick</b> at St. Alban’s Church, Chester Road after the 9.30am Mass or gather at <b>10.15am</b> . Lead by 3rd Macc Scouts. <b>Interactive Prayer Room 9am to 8pm</b> everyday until 2nd October at Holy Trinity Church, Hursdsfield Road, SK10 2PX <a href="http://www.HTHmacc.com/whats-on">www.HTHmacc.com/whats-on</a> <b>Reflective Service at 4.30pm</b> at St. Peter’s Church, Prestbury SK10 4DG	<b>26</b> Take the bus or walk into town and get your heavy shopping delivered home by ELOV cargo bike based in the indoor market. Find out more at <a href="http://Elov.co.uk">Elov.co.uk</a> and contact on: 01625 347636 or <a href="mailto:hello@eIOV.co.uk">hello@eIOV.co.uk</a> <b>Interactive Prayer Room 9am to 8pm</b> at Holy Trinity Church	<b>27</b> <b>Fast Fashion—Talk on the impact of buying clothes on the environment and how we should respond</b> John Murphy—Textile supply chain reducing its carbon footprint Prof. Kate Fletcher— Earth Logic: Fashion, planetary boundaries and the future at St Michael’s Church, Market Place SK10 1DY at <b>7.30pm</b> .	<b>29</b> Take time to listen to the cry of the poor with your heart. Pray for those “Forgotten People” who share our common home, e.g. those who are living in poverty, homeless, refugees, migrants. <b>Interactive Prayer Room 9am to 8pm</b> at Holy Trinity Church <a href="http://www.HTHmacc.com/whats-on">www.HTHmacc.com/whats-on</a>	<b>29</b> Shop more locally, e.g. green grocers, butchers, bakers to reduce the food miles and plastic packaging. Consider a shopping at <b>Scoop and Scales</b> at the Heritage Centre. Find out more at: <a href="https://www.scoopandscapes.co.uk/interactive-prayer-room">https://www.scoopandscapes.co.uk/interactive-prayer-room</a> <b>Interactive Prayer Room 9am to 8pm</b> at Holy Trinity Church <a href="http://www.HTHmacc.com/whats-on">www.HTHmacc.com/whats-on</a>	<b>30</b> Work out how much money you save by not eating meat one day a week and give that money to a charity. May charities have suffered devastating reductions in their income during Covid-19. Could you make a regular donation? <b>Interactive Prayer Room 9am to 8pm</b> at Holy Trinity Church	<b>1 October</b> Plan how you can tell someone else about God’s creation this week and our responsibility to be good stewards. Could you write a post on social media or for a newsletter on what you have done through the Season of Creation? <b>Interactive Prayer Room 9am to 8pm</b> at Holy Trinity Church <a href="http://www.HTHmacc.com/whats-on">www.HTHmacc.com/whats-on</a>
<b>2</b> Join the <b>Harvest Service</b> at St Alban’s Church at <b>9.30am</b> Mass. Bring some food items to donate for local people who would otherwise go hungry. Join the <b>“All Creation sings”</b> : <b>Holy Communion Service</b> at <b>10.30am</b> at St. Peter’s Church, Prestbury SK10 4DG	<b>3</b> Consider how many bottles of water or soft drinks you buy. Could you replace these with tap water in a reusable bottle? You can find out more at <a href="http://refill.org.uk/about/">http://refill.org.uk/about/</a>	<b>4</b> <b>Celebration and Feast of St Francis of Assisi</b> Join the <b>Prayer Service</b> to close and thank God for the Season of Creation at <b>7.30pm</b> at St Michael’s Church, Market Place SK10 1DY	<b>Thereafter……..</b> Continue to live as good stewards of God’s creation taking care of yourself, people, animals and the environment that He has blessed us with— Our Common Home for All.	<b>Things you can keep doing……</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remember the 3 R’s -Reduce, Reuse and Recycle</li> <li>Reduce food waste</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make do and mend</li> <li>Donate food to the Food Bank at local supermarkets</li> <li>Pick up litter</li> <li>Buy less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Travel—walk or cycle</li> <li>Buy local and without plastic</li> <li>Buy Fairtrade products</li> <li>Pray for world leaders to make decisions that protect the earth and the poor</li> </ul>