



Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

6th September 2026



Isaiah 55.12- end. 'And the trees of the field shall clap their hands'. Image by Revd Jess, see Bible Art below for commentary.

We begin the season of Creationtide, an annual period in the Church of England calendar running from September 1st to October 4th, dedicated to celebrating God as Creator and caring for the natural world. Our 10am service is an all age (with the blessing of backpacks for all those, both young and old, starting a new academic year). We finish with a Taizé for Healing service at 6pm with a special Creationtide focus on the environment. All are welcome to join us.

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:

may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Ezekiel 33.7-11, Psalm 119.33-40, Romans
13.8-14, Matthew 18.15-20



Bring your backpacks for a special 'back to school' or 'off to university', or starting an 'adult education course' all age service blessing.

Church Quiz Night

Save the date, Saturday 24th October 6.30pm for a 7pm start. More details to follow.



Individual Healing

Prayer is offered most Sundays after the 10am service in the side chapel.



FRIENDS will meet on Friday 18th September for chat and games, tea and cakes. Now is a good time to think of joining, to enjoy time with friends in the relaxed atmosphere of a local

home. We meet 2-4pm. If you would like to know more, please ring Joy. Tel. 01273 462584

Saturday morning meditation returns on 5th September after a summer break. On 12th September the regular Saturday morning



service is replaced by **Finding Stillness in a Turning World** — Saturday 12th

September, 6am–10.45am, starts in the church. A morning retreat hosted by the Centre for Spirituality which includes building and walking a labyrinth at low tide, followed by shared breakfast, gratitude practice, poetry, singing, Lectio Divina and time for you to reflect individually and in small groups. A spacious morning to reconnect with what matters. Tickets are by donation and funds raised will go towards the purchase of an outdoor labyrinth. Pre-booking required:

<https://buytickets.at/centreforspirituality/2395485>

Taizé for Healing We have a special service for the start of the season of Creationtide that includes a meditative 'Pianobath' with nature sounds by local musician Penny Loosemore. Individual healing

prayer is offered at the close of the service for those who would like to receive this gift.



The Season of Creationtide is

celebrated 1st September to 4th October.

The House of Bishops has recently published an excellent new Church of England teaching document on the environment and nature

Hope for all Creation: A theological

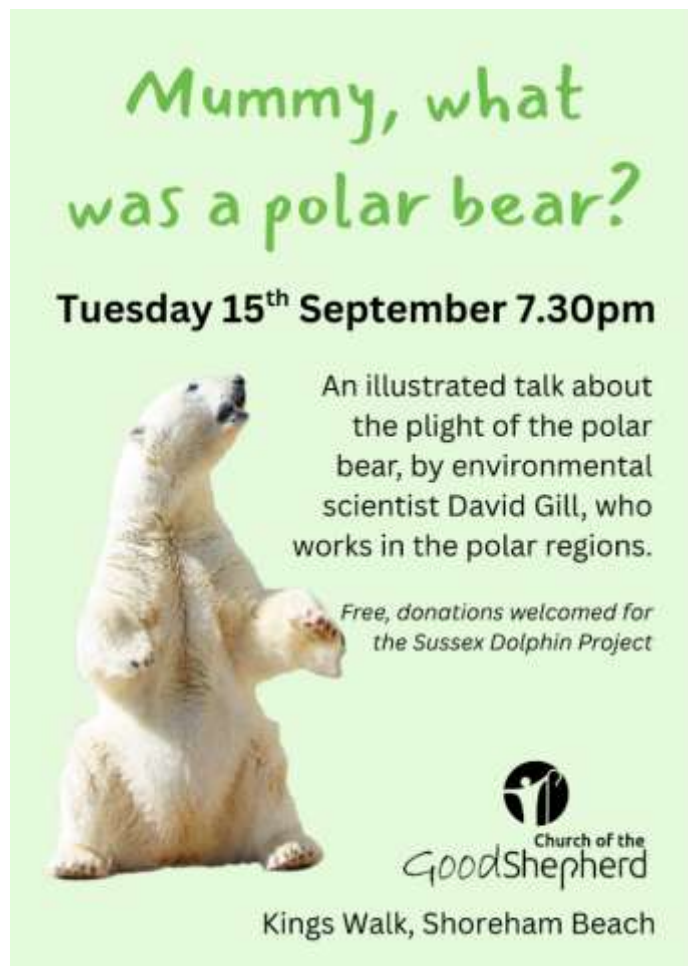
Response. The document sets out a Christian understanding of the environmental crises facing the world, rooting care for creation in the biblical story of creation, redemption and renewal, structured around the themes See, Reflect, Respond.

The document argues that care for creation is not an optional concern but a core part of Christian discipleship and mission. It is freely available to read online [Hope for All Creation: A Theological Response](#)

Creationtide Talk

We welcome David Gill, an environmental scientist with an active interest in climate

change and its effects on human activity, wildlife and the natural environment. He is presently working in the polar regions where he helps gather primary data for working scientists. He will talk about the plight of the polar bear in a changing climate.



Mummy, what was a polar bear?

Tuesday 15th September 7.30pm

An illustrated talk about the plight of the polar bear, by environmental scientist David Gill, who works in the polar regions.

Free, donations welcomed for the Sussex Dolphin Project

Church of the GoodShepherd

Kings Walk, Shoreham Beach

Bible Art (see image at top of newsletter)
Isaiah 55.12- end. And the trees of the field shall clap their hands

This is such a joyful passage which many of you must love as much as I do: and the hymn based on it too. The thought that the Israelites there in Babylon, in exile, were promised that they would return, and that all the land they passed through would rejoice with them - the very mountains and hills and trees would rejoice!

Just imagine how the people must have sung for joy inside when they heard those words! May something make you sing for joy like that too ... **Revd Jess**

Chichester Diocese Black History

Month This year, the Diocese will mark Black History Month in October with a special programme of events that have been curated to explore the theme "Black History in Church Spaces." The celebrations will bring together parish communities, and friends from across the Diocese to remember, learn from and celebrate the stories of Black people whose lives, faith and contributions are woven into the history of the Church and wider British society. Find out more [here](#) and book your tickets for one or both events, as there is catering of African and English cuisine.

Chichester Diocese Youth Pilgrimage

19th September (spaces still available)

As our summer pilgrimage trails come to a close we turn our attention to this final youth Pilgrimage to be led by Bishop Ruth and leaders. The pilgrimage will involve an 11km hike around Chichester Harbour and the City walls. Starting at St Wilfrid's Church in Nutbourne at 10am stopping along the way for short bible talks and worship in the beautiful countryside setting in the west of Sussex. Final stop is Chichester Cathedral with an evening meal provided and pickup at 7pm. Book spaces [here](#)

And finally...



The concert by **Coastline Harmony** raised £300 for church

funds. Our thanks go to the choir for their generosity in offering the performance and to Andrea Weller and Martin Devereux for arranging the event, plus all who helped and

came. It was an enjoyable evening and raised much needed money for church funds.

I work half-time and the days I am usually available are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday morning. I wish you all a blessed week, Revd Jane

Services this week

Sunday 6th September

8am – Holy Communion with Revd Jane.

10am – All Age Communion with Revd Jane.

6pm - Taizé for Healing

Please note that we don't stream our all-age services.

Tuesday 8th September

9.30am – Holy Communion with Revd Peter.

Wednesday 9th September

6pm – Celtic Evening Prayer on Zoom [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 868 1252 3106 Passcode: 960274

Friday 11th September

8am – Meditation with Morning Prayer A benefice service at St Mary de Haura

Saturday 12th September

6am – Finding Stillness in a Turning World Beach labyrinth with morning meditation, Lectio Divina, breakfast and group sharing (see above for details).



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