

»»» FRIMLEY BAPTIST CHURCH «««

CREATION CARE

NEWSLETTER

“The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”

Psalm 24:1



In February, Dave Gregory from the Baptist Union Environmental Network came to FBC to preach on the connection between Christian faith and environmental stewardship. Dave reminded us of Jesus' command in Mark's gospel to preach the good news to “all creation”.

He called us to view caring for the Earth as a core act of worship rather than a secondary political issue. By renewing our mind and acknowledging that all things are “from Him, through Him and for Him”, we can connect with the Spirit to bring peace and hope to the entire community of life on Earth.

During the service, Dave showed us part of a clip from one of the ‘God saw that it was good’ series which he made whilst President of the Baptist Union. I'd encourage you to watch the rest of the short series as they consider 4 different themes: coasts, sky, trees and life. The series explores the wonder and playfulness of creation and creator and calls us to develop a deeper relationship with both.

You can watch the series here:

www.gstiwg.co.uk

»»» DID YOU KNOW?

- Washing clothes at 30°C uses around 40% less energy than at higher temperatures—and your clothes last longer too!
- Bees and other pollinators are responsible for around a third of the food we eat? Leaving a patch of garden wild really helps.

CARING FOR CREATION: TAKING SMALL STEPS

When we open our Bibles, we're immediately reminded in the first part of the Bible that creation matters to God. Genesis tells us that humanity was placed in the garden "to work it and take care of it." Later, Psalm 24:1 says, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." This planet isn't just a backdrop to our lives, it's also God's creation, and we're invited to look after it.

The good news is that this doesn't have to mean grand gestures or huge projects. Small, faithful steps count. In fact, caring for creation can easily become a really natural part of your faith journey. Here are three simple ideas you might like to try:

1. Make walking more meaningful

Next time you walk anywhere (and are not in a rush), turn it into a moment of worship. You can notice five things you're grateful for: cool clouds in the sky, the weather getting warmer, maybe a lucky day it isn't raining. Thank God for each one as you go. Paying attention to your surroundings in this way can really help to quiet your mind and focus on your gratitude and appreciation for God and nature.

2. Plant a seed and help it grow

Whether you have a garden, or just a small plant pot, watching a seed grow is such an interesting thing, and can make you feel really linked to nature and the idea of creation. As your plant grows, use it as a prayer reminder. When you water your plants, pray for God to grow patience, kindness, or courage in you. It's a simple way to connect everyday actions with spiritual growth.

3. Pick one creation-friendly swap

Rather than trying to change everything you can at once, just pick one thing. You could carry a reusable cup, cut down food waste by taking an extra five minutes to plan your shopping or choose to not buy something if you have something quite easily repaired at home. The act of caring for creation isn't about being perfect, but rather showing gratitude for the Earth, and recognising that the same God who loves us deeply also loves the mountains, oceans, trees, and wildlife.

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