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Creationtide Begins

Janet Varty

The ECO House Group in the North of our region met to celebrate the start of Creationtide in the lush garden of new hosts in Luzech. We began with the Iona Service of Creation.

Musical interludes included John Rutter's All Things Bright and Beautiful and For the Beauty of the Earth.

We then followed a mystery trail through the garden leading to relevant Bible verses for contemplation. The weather was glorious and we finished with refreshments on the patio surrounded by the most exotic flora.

From the Meditations of Hildegard of Bingen. (*Iona Resources*):

"The earth is at the same time mother. She is mother of all, for contained in her are the seeds of all. The earth of humankind contains all moistness, all verdancy, all germinating power. It is in so many ways fruitful. All creation comes from it, yet it forms not only the basic raw material from human kind but also the substance of the Incarnation of God's Son."

Our next meeting is in Puy l'Eveque (46700) on Tuesday 28th September.

Please get in touch if you would like to join us.

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The Bishop was very keen on green initiatives, and his clergy were very impressed by his new solar-powered radio microphone.....



NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP AT

ECO

We have set out below our programme of worship for next week. For all details of our latest worship, always go to the Home Page of our website:

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Sunday September 5th - Trinity 14 - Proper 18

10:30 am Service of Morning Prayer

This Sunday's service will be a service of Morning Prayer. Our preacher will be Linda Billenness. This service will be pre-recorded and broadcast on YouTube and Facebook Live, and will be followed by our usual Zoom Coffee Bar at about 11:30am. Full details will appear on our website as usual.

Tuesday September 7th

19:00 - An Iona Service of Evening Prayer

This is a short service of prayer and readings from the Bible which is available as a video and also as a Podcast to download and listen to at the close of the day. We also provide the order of service in .PDF for you to download and keep so that you can follow it on your smartphone, tablet or computer if you wish.

Thursday September 9th

19:00 - A Service of Prayer for Healing

Each week, we come together to pray by name for God's healing touch for those who are in special need at this time. We are happy to include anyone known to you in our prayers (we only refer to people by their first names)

Please send any names of people whom you would like to be included to

healing@ourchurch.fr

by **Wednesday evening 8th September** please.

ALL IN SEPTEMBER

As we enter a new month, there are many things we commemorate in September:



In September 1321, Dante Alighieri, the Italian poet, died.

He was regarded as the most important poet of the Middle Ages and was best known for his Divine Comedy.

100 years ago, on 8th September 1921, Sir Harry Secombe was born. One of the original stars of *The Goon Show*, Harry was a writer, actor, singer and TV presenter.

75 years ago on 20th September 1946, the first Cannes Film Festival opened. 21 countries took part. The Festival was not without a few teething problems: The film *The Three Musketeers* was projected upside down, and Alfred Hitchcock's *Notorious* was shown with the reels accidentally in reverse order!

65 years ago in 1956, the substance Play-Doh went on sale....as a wallpaper cleaning compound! It was rebranded when the inventor's nephew discovered that nursery school children were using it to make Christmas ornaments.

On 11th September 1961, the World Wildlife Fund was founded in Switzerland.

10 years later, in 1971, Greenpeace was founded in Vancouver.

On 6th September 1991, the Russian City of Leningrad reverted to its original name of St Petersburg.

And finally, and very ironically, it was on 27th September 1996, 25 years ago, that the Taliban seized control of Kabul, becoming the rulers of Afghanistan.

We will also remember all those who died in the World Trade Centre attack on 11/9/2001 in 2 Sundays' time.



Worship for the Young and the Young At Heart

If you are joining us for worship with younger members of your family, each Sunday we are now also broadcasting a short video reflection on the readings for the day from our colleague and friend Margaret Pritchard Houston, who is a member of the Children's Ministry Team in the Diocese of St Albans. This Sunday's video is entitled "Jesus & The Greek Woman" and will be on the web page for our own Sunday Service.