

May 2023

St Mary the Virgin Ullapool Environment Group Newsletter

A New Newsletter.

As part of our Environmental Action Plan, we agreed to produce a regular newsletter to keep us up to date with issues and events. Let me know of anything you would like to see in the next newsletter.

Green Screen returns!

We are delighted to say that our Green Screen initiative is once again up and running with a beautifully poetic film Honeyland. If you want to a lift to the ferry terminal please let me or Clare know.

Welcome to the Green Screen

Honeyland

One of Europe's last traditional beekeepers cultivates honey in North Macedonia. She lives in balance with the land around her until new neighbours get involved. (2019, cert 12)

'An extraordinary documentary both in terms of subject and craft, Honeyland is an immersive and deeply moving portrait of the delicate balance of life and traditions in rural Macedonia.'

**Weds May 17th, 7.30pm
Ullapool Ferry Terminal**

Doors open 7pm. All welcome. Free entry. Please use the side door. Feel free to bring a cushion/refreshment.

**In partnership with St Mary's Episcopal Church, Ullapool
Harbour Trust, Real to Reel and Take One Action**



The Province Net Zero Action Plan

The Provincial Environment Group recently released a draft of the Net Zero Action Plan (2023-2030) for review and comment as part of the ongoing consultation process. St Mary's Environment Group reviewed the plan on behalf of the Vestry and I am pleased to say that we were able to fully endorse it and we are looking forward to the next stage of its implementation.

More information on The Provincial Environment Group can be found at:

www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/the-provincial-environment-group/

Prayer points – May 2023 Come, Holy Spirit –

“At Pentecost God’s Spirit was poured out on the people of God ... The Spirit of Pentecost is also the Spirit of Creation. The same Spirit that was ‘hovering over the face of the waters’ (Gen. 1:2) and who together with God’s Word brought creation into being, is the same Spirit that dwells in us. If we are filled with the Spirit that brought order out of chaos and created the world, then it is not hard to argue that this Spirit of Creation also provides the resources and energy for us to fulfil the first commission given to humans; to be stewards of God’s creation.”

Use your LOAF!

Bread is full of symbolic meaning for Christians. In the gospels Jesus described Himself as “the bread of life”. When you next go food shopping, especially if you are buying for your Church, why not adopt some of Green Christian’s LOAF principles?

LOAF stands for food that is Locally produced, Organically grown, Animal friendly or Fairly traded.

It can be difficult following the LOAF principles here in the North West Highlands so I was pleased to come across a local enterprise, Green Bowl, based in Elphin that helps us to follow these principles.

The Green Bowl is a group of crofters and non-crofters in Elphin and Knockan (NW Sutherland), working together to market, sell and distribute locally grown food to our community. Seven producers sell a range of meat (beef, pork and mutton), eggs, honey, vegetables, fruit, herbs, bread and other baking. Most sales are online, with weekly home deliveries to customers around Ullapool or pickups from Elphin.

Climate Justice: Following Jesus in a World of Climate Breakdown

New! A six part teaching series on YouTube and podcast

It’s getting harder and harder to find resources that are both truthful and hopeful. This latest offering from the Revd Jon Swales “gets it” on the climate and ecological emergency and doesn’t leave us in despair.

This series deals with the big questions of climate and ecological breakdown in an honest and faith-filled way. You couldn’t call it a Bible study, but the Christian faith and what that calls us to is both the basis and the fabric of the course. You will be able to access it on the link below.

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/climate-justice-following-jesus-in-a-world-of-climate-breakdown/>

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