



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation 1st-Sept -4th October

A mighty river is the symbol for the Season of Creation 2023. Prophet Amos cries out “But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

Prophet Isaiah proclaims “Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43: 19) We are invited to join the river of justice and peace on behalf of all Creation and to converge our individual identities, of name, family or faith community, in this greater movement for justice, just like tributaries come together to form a mighty river. As the People of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

An invitation to journey at St Paul’s

Our worship and study will be themed around creation during September and October as we join in with the international and ecumenical Season of Creation. Our Sunday morning Bible Studies (at the later time of 9am) will all have a creation/environment theme. Our Harvest Festival Service will focus on caring for the whole of creation and it will be followed by an Eco Lunch provided by the Eco Group. St Francis will feature as a guide and mentor in our programme. His Feast Day is on the 4th October and his influence will be seen across our programme, for instance in our Taize worship. If you’d like some more space to focus on these issues, Imogen is leading a Greening the Soul

weekend retreat at Othona, Essex weekend of 6th-8th October, you can book here: <https://www.othonaessex.org.uk/civicrm/event/info?id=2081>

Worship Timetable on Sundays

3rd September – 10.30am Communion Service followed by a
Bring and Share Lunch saying farewell to Felicity and Richard

10th September – 9am (new time!) Bible Study led by Jonathan Chaplin

10.30am Communion Service

6pm Taize Service with a St Francis theme

17th September - Church Weekend Away

9am Bible Study led by Tim Harling

10.30am Communion Service

24th September – 9am Bible Study led by Bryony Webb

10.30am Communion Service

2pm Baptism Service

1st October - 9am Bible Study led by Dan Grayson (ordinand)

10.30am Communion Service St Francis Theme

6pm Prayers for Creation Service

8th October - 9am Bible Study led Mary Kilikidi

10.30am Communion Service

15th October - 9am Bible Study led by Becky Warner

10.30am Harvest Festival All Together Service

Harvest Eco Lunch

6pm Taize Service, St Francis Theme

Half-Term

22nd October - 9am Bible Study led by Imogen Nay

10.30am Communion Service

29th October 10.30am Communion Service