

Caring for Creation

If you would like to know more about St John's work in caring for creation or how you can help, please email sjcecomatters@whitewaterchurches.co.uk

There are also regular items and news of future services and events on the Whitewater Benefice website:

www.whitewaterchurches.co.uk



Moths to a Flame

Handmade moth display
before the flight to Glasgow
St John's church, Hook



Moths to a Flame

The project, organized by the Art and Energy Collective in Plymouth, originally came from a desire to respond with creativity to the climate emergency. The moth is used as an allegory for our human relationship with energy and consequently the health of our planet.

The aim is for people across the UK to make and decorate 20,000 moths and send them to Glasgow. During the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (CoP26), which is being hosted by the UK and held in Glasgow, the moths will be displayed as an art installation in the city's Botanic Gardens.

“All of us who care about responding to the climate emergency know that COP26 marks an important moment in global politics. This artwork allows us all to make a mark, have our say, show our willingness for action and bring a bit of beauty to COP26”.

The moths on display in St John's church have been made by members of the Craft Group, Junior Church, Know Your Bible Study Group, and the ministry team.

A big thank you to them for their art and industry.

As you look at the moths, please take a minute to think about our shared home, the Earth, and pray for all Creation.

A Prayer for our Earth – Laudato Si (Pope Francis)

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognise that we are profoundly united

with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen

© Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Reproduced with permission