



**Harvest Festival
at
St. James, Hampton Hill**



WALKING MORE LIGHTLY by Anne Martin, a trustee of Christian Concern for One World

Each of us has a **carbon footprint**, made up of everything we purchase for use in the home, in travel or lifestyle choices. In the UK that footprint amounts to 9.62 tonnes of CO₂ per annum. To reduce the effects of global warming each of us has to walk more lightly on this Earth that God has lent us, lest we destroy the climate stability for all. Individual actions which achieve even small reductions can collectively add up to huge savings. And when these are done purposefully and with others, emboldened by a faith commitment, then real transformation can take place.

Out of our average annual footprint of 9.62 tonnes (9,620 kg), each of us is directly responsible for 5.5 tonnes used in our homes, our car and other travel. The balance comes from indirect costs of manufacturing, services and freight over which we have some control through our lifestyle choices. We can start by tackling things we can control – in our homes through our use of gas, electricity and oil.

People in the UK have become wasteful in their energy using habits. 71% leave appliances on standby, 63% do not turn lights off in unoccupied rooms. In total about 7 per cent of our heat and light is wasted. By 2010 we will have wasted enough energy to have produced around 43m tonnes of CO₂ – equivalent to the annual CO₂ emissions of 7 million homes – costing £11 billion. **Changing wasteful habits** can make a significant difference. We all have some habits we need to change as we adjust to a low carbon future. This is not about pointing to your neighbour's faults and omissions, but a gentle removal of the plank in your own eye – before prompting your nearest and dearest.

Use of private vehicles accounts for a quarter of all CO₂ emissions and produces nearly 63.5 million tonnes of CO₂ (2003). That is an average of 3.3 tonnes of CO₂ each year from our personal car usage. We also use an average of 1.3 tonnes from our air travel. Road traffic continues to rise by around 2 per cent a year. We need to reverse this trend if we are going to avoid the worst effects of global warming.

Reducing the number of **car journeys** we make will make a difference. If we try to eliminate one journey a week, it would make us think which journeys are unnecessary or could be done differently. Sharing journeys could also be good neighbourly. You might start by car sharing to church on Sunday; particularly because short journeys with a cold engine produce 60% more fumes and use more fuel than when warm. Walking or cycling for short journeys might bring the additional benefit of making you fitter and healthier. Or use public transport – and encourage others to follow suit.

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand to sing as the ministers enter and the flags of the uniformed organisations are brought forward

**We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.**

***All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.***

**He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.**

All good gifts...

**We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble thankful hearts.
*All good gifts...***

The Greeting

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

President The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All And also with you.

The president says words of welcome

Prayers of Penitence

The president invites us to confess our sins

President We confess to you
our lack of care for the world you have
given us.

Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

President We confess to you
our selfishness in not sharing the
earth's bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

President We confess to you
our failure to protect resources
for others.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

President May almighty God have mercy upon you,
forgive you your sins.
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen

Glory to God

Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest:
Lord, we lift up your name,
with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God -
hosanna in the highest.

**Glory, glory,
glory to the King of kings;
Glory, glory,
glory to the King of kings:
Lord, we lift up your name,
with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God -
hosanna in the highest.**

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The Collect

President Let us pray.
Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please sit

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

The first reading is Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord,
your greatness is seen in all the world!
Your praise reaches up to the heavens;
it is sung by children and babies.
You are safe and secure from all your enemies;
you stop anyone who opposes you.
When I look at the sky, which you have made,
at the moon and the stars, which you set in their
places —
what are human beings, that you think of them;
mere mortals, that you care for them?
Yet you made them inferior only to yourself;
yourself; or the gods, or the angels.
you crowned them with glory and honour.
You appointed them rulers over everything you
made;
you placed them over all creation:
sheep and cattle, and the wild animals too;
the birds and the fish
and the creatures in the seas.
O Lord, our Lord,
your greatness is seen in all the world!
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Please stand

*Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,
give thanks now to God in nature revealed.*

Give thanks for the sun,
the wind and the rain.
And thanks for the crops
that feed us again.
The corn safely cut is gathered inside.
We thank you, O Lord, that you can provide.
Lord of the harvest...

The trees ripe with fruit
stand proud in the sun,
we gather them now
that summer is gone.
For yours is the wonder, yours is the power.
Yours is the glory of fruit and of flower.
Lord of the harvest...

So in all our plenty,
help us to see,
the needs all around whatever they be.
With food for the body, strength for the soul,
it's healing and caring, making them whole.
Lord of the harvest...

Gospel Reading *John 6.25-35*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

*After the talk the Children's Choir will sing
'Harvestsong' by Sheila Wilson*

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

President Do you believe and trust in
God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

President Do you believe and trust in
God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

President Do you believe and trust in
God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

President This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Intercessions

Please kneel

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

President You shall go out in joy and be led back
in peace; the mountains and the hills
before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap
their hands.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

*During the hymn the bread and wine are brought to
the altar and a collection is taken*

**The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
Creation reminds us, O God, of your love.
By grace we are learning, as year leads to year,
We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.**

**Your rainforests nurture the world that we
share.
Your wetlands give animals shelter and care.
Your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea.
You've shown us, in love, what your good world
can be.**

**Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.
We fail to remember its beauty and worth.
We take from creation much more than we
need,
We threaten your world through indifference
and greed.**

**May we be good stewards of all that you give,
Protecting creation wherever we live.
May we be a church that renews and restores
And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.**

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Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

President Generous God, you have blessed us
with the resources to share the good
news of your love for all creation.
We dedicate these gifts and pray that
they may bring healing, wholeness,
and hope to the world, that future
generations may also know your
graciousness and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

President Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President It is right to praise you, Father,
Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with
you.**

President In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the
cross and made for all the perfect
sacrifice for sin.**

President On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of
him:
his body is the bread of life.**

President At the end of supper,
taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of
him: his blood is shed for all.**

President As we proclaim his death and celebrate
his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit
that this bread and this wine may be to
us the body and blood of your dear
Son.

All **As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

President With your whole Church throughout the
world we offer you this sacrifice of
praise and lift our voice to join the
eternal song of heaven:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread to share in the body
of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

President God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Children's Choir will sing 'Abi yoyo,' a Bantu lullaby, during the Giving of Communion

All are welcome to come forward for communion or a blessing

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.
Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine
of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a
reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise
stewards of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Notices will be given—please sit

Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!
All be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!

We ourselves are God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,

**there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!**

The Blessing

President The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

President God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of
his creation.

All **Amen.**

President God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into
his harvest.

All **Amen.**

President God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills
the whole of creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy
and peace.

All **Amen.**

President And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you
always.

All **Amen.**

President Freely you have received, freely give.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Air travel is set to double or even triple by 2030 and is likely to become one of the most significant causes of man-made global warming. Aircraft at high altitude produce a cocktail of gases more lethal to our climate than carbon dioxide alone. Recent studies have shown that *'the UK will be unable to meet its targets for reducing climate change impacts without action to curb the demand for air travel.'* One long-haul flight could radically alter your carbon footprint (eg a trip to Australia produces over 3.6 tonnes per person).

The unfair thing is that the richest nations, the USA and Europe, are responsible for 70-80 per cent of all flights. The top 10 per cent of income earners fly the most while the poorest 10 per cent hardly fly at all. It is time to rethink our flying habits NOW.

The choices we make on food, water and waste also impact indirectly on the CO₂ we produce. We need to **adopt more environmentally friendly habits and lifestyle**, because it all counts towards our carbon footprint.

The growing of **food**, transporting it by road (and worse still by air) and selling it in the supermarkets make up a significant portion of our footprint. Supermarkets are convenient, but it comes at a climate-change price for they have helped create the all year round globalised food culture, supported by the car culture, at the expense of local small-scale production. It is down to us to decide our choice of food and where we buy it, and to look for alternatives, once we see the impact on our carbon footprint.

On average in the UK we use 130 litres of **water** a day – 70% more than we did 40 years ago. Many people in the world exist on just 10 litres a day. Thank God for the luxury of piped clean water, and take a few measures to reduce your water consumption which will reduce the burden on industry to pump water to, and chemically clean waste water from, our homes. Conservation will also reduce damage to wildlife habitats in wetlands and rivers and reduce the possibility of water shortages and rationing in the summer. Cutting down on water use can save us money.

Waste represents lost energy and natural resources – as well as the increasing problem of landfill. The best way of managing our waste is not to produce it in the first place. In the UK we know we have room for improvement as we have one of the poorest records of recycling in Europe (UK recycles 18% of domestic waste, France 28%, Germany 58%, Netherlands 65%). It is time to change our culture on waste.

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