

St. Mary's Church Hurley Prayer Group



OASIS PRAYER CORNER

Welcome friends,

Prompted by the message of David Attenborough reflecting on the plight of our natural world at the hands of unscrupulous human beings, it was salutary to look back to the Radio 4 service at 8.10 on August 23rd which quietly brought alive the gentle beauty which surrounds us that waits to speak to us. We are now so much more receptive for we have more time to notice little things and listen, in a world gone quiet.

Anna Magnusson spoke of “the greening of the world giddy with light” as spring suddenly shone through trees transformed from black skeletons to being clothed in a profusion of green where leaves seemed to whisper and speak to us. Such consolation coming from nature is indeed God’s gift at a time of such sorrow. The power in birdsong, the human voice, in music suddenly took on an extra dimension. A piano piece by Bach stabilises the listener, bringing together body, mind and heart like being “pulled and returned on the tide”. Pádraig O’Tuama described a miraculous encounter with a tiny, shy wren glimpsed through a window, in a darkened room. The silence was intense as he watched, transfixed. What joy the experience gave him.

Living Lord, breathe your spirit into us. May we be willing to rest in the silence, to be fully present in the moment and able to see, hear and feel anew your glorious creation which waits to be discovered afresh. We give you thanks that through this experience we realise we are so blessed.

We give thanks for the wonder in all things. Amen

Everything we see or hear has the power to recall us to the oneness at the heart of existence. It calls us to deepen our awareness of the sacred and respond with loving kindness to all and to all things. A salutary reminder. Let us be still:

Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know
Be still

We listen to: “Do not be Afraid” sung by the Choir of Truro Cathedral, https://youtu.be/IRbJrHO_Fik

Readings

1. O Lord, many are your works.
In wisdom You have made them all
The earth is full of your possession. **Psalm 104 (24)**
2. In his hand is the life of every creature
and the breath of all mankind. **Job 12 (10)**

Notes

Burchetts Green Parish website has been updated and now accommodates modern devices. There are interesting histories of the three churches and current news of all Parish activities. <https://www.burchettsgreenparish.org>

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