



We often find God's creation a stimulus to praise but in this ancient song the role is reversed – creation itself is praising God !



*Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.....
Bless the Lord sun and moon:
bless the Lord you stars of heaven;
bless the Lord all rain and dew:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord all winds that blow:
bless the Lord you fire and heat;
bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord dews and falling snows:
bless the Lord you nights and days;
bless the Lord light and darkness:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord frost and cold:
bless the Lord you ice and snow;
bless the Lord lightnings and clouds:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
O let the earth bless the Lord:
bless the Lord you mountains and hills;
bless the Lord all that grows in the ground:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord you springs:
bless the Lord you seas and rivers;
bless the Lord you whales and all that swim
in the waters:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord all birds of the air:
bless the Lord you beasts and cattle;
bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.*

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We welcome feedback If you managed to find this newsletter and enjoyed it please let us know. The KPC Eco-group comprises Claire Carter (chair), Hannah Bull, Julian Phillips, Sogo Yip, Richard Jennings and Hugh Rollinson

Knowle Eco-News

In June we celebrated Great Big Green Week with two events. Our annual Green Fair showcased a selection of easy eco-solutions across home and garden as well as health and lifestyle. On Saturday 14th we held our first ever Great Big Litter Pick in conjunction with Knowle Society and with the support of Love Solihull and Visit Knowle. Over 75 volunteers came along to help litter pick around the village. Children from Knowle Primary Academy designed the posters to advertise the event and we were pleased to welcome students from the Eco team at Arden Academy as well as local Scouts. Members of our congregation kindly baked cakes and were able to say thank you to all our volunteers with free cake and a drink afterwards.

Hedgehogs in the graveyard

The European hedgehog is considered 'vulnerable to extinction' in Great Britain, so we need to understand more about their numbers and distribution. This summer in Knowle we are taking part in the National Hedgehog Monitoring Project (NHMP), a project put together by universities, charities and Natural England. Cameras will be placed in various points throughout Knowle, such as gardens, green spaces and the graveyard, to hopefully spot these nocturnal creatures. This will be a three year project with the aim to record robust information on hedgehog population density nationally.



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Gardens can be a good habitat for a hedgehog, so to help them at home, avoid using chemicals and pesticides, and be careful when mowing and strimming. If you want to leave food out, the safest option is meat-based cat/dog food and water. By allowing gardens to connect, through gaps in fences, this allows hedgehogs to more freely roam.

Eco-resources

See the [Eco page of our website](#).

Here you will find a discussion of the theology which underpins our understanding of creation care.

Want to engage?

A Rocha International and the Faraday Institute are launching the 'Conservation Certificate' - A one year part-time virtual programme to equip Christians to be hopeful and effective conservationists. Go to [The Conservation Certificate - A Rocha International](#)