



## 24 February Revd Dr Margaret Jones

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During this pandemic, many of us have started to look afresh at the natural world around us. Month after month nature puts on an amazing display and in this last year, we've started to see its wonder and its intricacies with new eyes.

We live on an amazing planet, yet we're also part of something so much bigger. Maybe, like me, away from the light pollution of our towns and cities, you've looked up at a night sky, and, seeing the myriad of twinkling lights, been struck by the vastness of the universe. How small Earth is in the scale of things.

Last December there was a rare conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn, a phenomenon that some think originally led the astrologers to undertake their search for a new king. I wanted to see this spectacle myself and, after two cloudy nights, on the third headed for a bridge over the M60. One end of the bridge disappears into some woods and looking west, there were the planets, together, shining brightly. It was a mystical moment – one of awe and wonder.

When we look at and reflect on the splendour of nature and of this immense universe, we cannot help but praise and worship God, the creator, preserver and sustainer of everything.

Today, try to notice something in the natural world, and thank and praise God for it.

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"You are the Lord, you alone.  
You have made heaven, the  
heaven of heavens, with all  
their host, the earth and all  
that is on it, the seas and all  
that is in them; and you  
preserve all of them; and the  
host of heaven worships you."

*Nehemiah 9:6*

## Information Point

The Church of England website contains masses of information about achieving net zero carbon by 2030. Check out this link for more information.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/practical-path-net-zero-carbon-churches>

## A prayer

Dear Lord,

We live in an amazing world. Help us to be more aware of the wonder of your creation and to be more thankful for it.

Amen.