



## 27 February Revd Philip Alston

# Lent2021

From the very beginning, the beauty and wonder of the world around us has inspired people to think of God. Whether it is the sight of a delicate flower hiding deep in the undergrowth or the strength of a wild storm sweeping across a barren coastline, we experience creation and it acts as a reminder of the beauty and greatness of our creator God. Our Bible verses today remind us that the creation around us can teach about our almighty God and declare truth about His character.

When I have the opportunity one of my greatest delights is to get out and walk through woody areas. An expanse of parkland dotted with individual giants and close-growing copses of smaller trees brings me great joy. I appreciate, even more, the chance to wander through densely knitted woodland, pushing through the low branches and picking my way through freshly forming saplings. As I make progress through this setting, I often imagine that the branches towering above me are being raised in praise to our common Creator. Frequently I will join in that praise, raising my arms, listening to the worship in the bird song, glorifying God in partnership with my surroundings. Can I encourage everyone to make time to spend some of the day actively joining with His creation in praise of His name as the neighbouring flora and fauna points us towards our creator God.

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"But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind. Does not the ear test words as the palate tastes food?"

*Job 12:7-11*

### Information Point

Operation Noah is a Christian charity working with the Church to inspire action on the climate crisis. Why not follow the link and find out what they're doing?

<https://operationnoah.org/>

### A prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the world that surrounds us.

We thank You for its beauty and for all it teaches us about You Lord.

As we see Your majesty through Your creation, may we help others see You too.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Amen